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Applicant: Kozlov

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For: SELF-STRAIGHTENING STRAW
WITH ASSURANCE THAT THE
STRAW WILL BEND IN A
DESIRED DIRECTION

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Examiner: Lien M. Ngo

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ELECTION IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action of August 6, 2003, applicant hereby elects:

Species 1, FIG. 1

Subspecies - Corrugated Cross Section, FIG. 15

Subspecies - Corrugated Shape, FIGS. 12-14 and 17

REMARKS

The Examiner has requested election and restriction between Group I, namely FIG. 1; Group II, namely FIG. 2; and Group III, namely FIG. 3. Election was also requested between subspecies relating to the corrugated cross section namely: a) differential wall thickness and b) stiffener. Finally, election was requested between subspecies related to the corrugated shape a) cone shape and b) dish (disk) shaped.

Applicant provisionally elects as follows:

Group I - FIG. 1, claims 1-7, 9-11, 13-16

Subspecies corrugated cross section b) stiffener, claims 1, 5, 6, 7-10, 13-16

Subspecies corrugated shape b) dish (disk) shape, claims 1, 2, 4-14, 16

Thus, claims 1, 4-7, 9, 10, 13, 14 and 16 are readable on the elected groups and subspecies.

Claim 1 is generic and upon allowance of a generic claim, consideration is to be given to additional species which are in independent form.

The applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application or take such other appropriate measures as deemed necessary to protect the inventions of Groups II and III, and the non-elected subspecies.

Upon examination of the application on this basis, a favorable consideration and allowance of these claims is respectfully solicited

Respectfully submitted,

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